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Zamboanga Mayor thanks US Ambassador. Zamboanga City Mayor Celso Lobregat presents a token of appreciation to US Ambassador Kristie Kenney after the mayor and USAID Mission Director Jon Lindborg signed a Memorandum of Understanding initiating construction of the Sinunoc and Taguiti Bridges in Zamboanga City. Secretary Jesus Dureza, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process also signed as a witness. Both bridge projects will be constructed by USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program, which undertakes a wide range of projects to increase economic activity and to contribute to attaining lasting peace in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. The Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCo) oversees GEM's implementation. **(GEM Program)**